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1-71. (Withdrawn)

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

72-110. (Canceled)

111. (New) A composition comprising (a) a replication competent attenuated cytomegalovirus (CMV) that can generate an immune response in a mammal, and (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the CMV is attenuated through inhibition of expression or activity of US28 and/or a US28 homolog.

(New) The composition of claim 111, wherein the mammal is a human or rhesus monkey and the CMV is human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) or rhesus cytomegalovirus (rhCMV), respectively.

The composition of claim 111, wherein the carrier is an adjuvant.

(New) The composition of claim 1/3, wherein the mammal is a human and the CMV is HCMV.

(New) The composition of claim 114, wherein at least a segment of the HCMV genome encoding US27, US28, UL33 and/or UL78 has been inactivated.

(New) The composition of claim 115, wherein the segment comprises the entire US 27, US28, UL33 and/or UL78 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted.

(New) The composition of claim 115, wherein at least a segment of the HCMV genome encoding US27 has been inactivated.

Application No. 09/944,049 Amendment dated July 2, 2003 Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2003 118. (New) The composition of claim 117, wherein the segment comprises the entire US27 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. (New) The composition of claim 1/5, wherein at least a segment of the HCMV genome encoding US28 has been inactivated. 9 120. (New) The composition of claim 119, wherein the segment comprises the entire US28 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. (New) The composition of claim 115, wherein at least a segment of the HCMV genome encoding human UL33 has been inactivated. (New) The composition of claim 121, wherein the segment comprises the entire UL33 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. 123. (New) The composition of claim 115, wherein at least a segment of the HCMV genome encoding human UL78 has been inactivated. (New) The composition of claim 123, wherein the segment comprises the entire UL78 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. 125. (New) The composition of claim 113, wherein the mammal is a rhesus monkey and the CMV genome is rhCMV. (New) The composition of claim 125, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUS28.1, rhUS28.2, rhUS28.3, rhUS28.4, rhUS28.5, rhUL33, and/or rhUL78 has been inactivated. (New) The composition of claim 126, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUS28.1, rhUS28.2, rhUS28.3, rhUS28.4, rhUS28.5, rhUL33, and/or rhUL78 encoding

region and the encoding region has been deleted.

Application No. 09/944,049 Amendment dated July 2, 2003 Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2003 (New) The composition of claim 126, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUS28.1 has been inactivated. (New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUS28.1 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. (New) The composition of claim 176, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUS28.2 has been inactivated. (New) The composition of claim 130, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUS28.2 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. (New) The composition of claim 126, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUS28.3 has been inactivated. 133. (New) The composition of claim 132, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUS28.3 coding region and the encoding region has been deleted. 1347 (New) The composition of claim 126, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUS28.4 has been inactivated. 135. (New) The composition of claim 124, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUS28.4 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. (New) The composition of claim 126, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUS28.5 has been inactivated. (New) The composition of claim 136, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUS28.5 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted. (New) The composition of claim 126, wherein at least a segment of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUL33 has been inactivated.

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(New) The composition of claim 128, wherein the segment comprises the entire rhUL33 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted.

(New) The composition of claim 128, wherein at least a portion of the rhCMV genome encoding rhUL78 has been inactivated.

(New) The composition of claim 140, wherein the segment comprises the rhUL78 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted.

(New) The composition of claim 140, wherein the segment comprises the rhUL78 encoding region and the encoding region has been deleted.

(New) The composition of claim 111, wherein the composition satisfies